

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ADDING ZIKA VIRUS TO THE FDA
PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER
PROGRAM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to S. 2512, which would add Zika to the list of qualified tropical diseases under the Food and Drug Administration's Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher Program. While I know that we would all agree that there is desperate need for a treatment for Zika, I do not believe that this legislation offers the solution that will help us to achieve that goal. Further, I am disappointed that this legislation has not had the benefit of any legislative action in our Committee where Members could discuss in greater detail the need for reforms to the currently flawed priority review voucher program.

In 2007, Congress established the Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher Program at FDA to incentivize treatments for neglected tropical diseases for which there was no market incentives to develop. Sponsors that develop a treatment for a qualified tropical disease are awarded a priority review voucher and have the option of retaining this voucher for a shortened review of another product in their development pipeline, or can sell the voucher to another company to use. Since enactment, three vouchers have been awarded under this program, two of which sold for \$67 million and \$125 million respectively. The value of the vouchers to sponsors has led to the development of the priority review voucher as a financial incentive in other areas, such as rare pediatric diseases.

However, this program is not without flaws. Use of priority review vouchers is not limited to additional tropical disease products, meaning that companies can use this voucher for a review in six months of any product of its choosing. This can result in new drug applications receiving priority review that would not otherwise qualify if they do not treat a serious disease or condition, or offer a significant improvement in safety or effectiveness. In practice, this allows companies to "purchase" services from the agency at the expense of other important public health work, undermining FDA's mission and the morale of the agency's review staff. It also creates additional workload for the FDA by requiring a shortened review of applications for treatments that will be used in millions of patients and diverting review staff from other work. Finally, the additional priority review voucher fee associated with use of the voucher has not been effective in covering the full cost of the expedited review.

In addition to effects on FDA, the current tropical disease priority review voucher program contains two additional flaws—eligibility for this program is not limited to novel ther-

pies, nor are sponsors required to make the qualifying therapy available or accessible for those who are most in need. Two of the three priority review vouchers awarded under this program were awarded to therapies that were already in use in other countries prior to the program's establishment. Thus a voucher was awarded to sponsors without any new investment in tropical disease treatments. Similarly, patients and other organizations still struggle to access two of the three therapies awarded a priority review voucher either due to affordability or lack of availability. An award such as a priority review voucher should only be given to companies who are committed to making their therapy available to patients in disease-endemic countries for which the program is intended to help.

As we consider the bill before us today, it is important to note that FDA has the authority to add Zika to the tropical diseases program administratively if there is no significant market in developed nations for that disease and the disease disproportionately affects poor and marginalized populations. I will submit a letter from FDA noting that it is "extremely unlikely that the Zika virus meets the criteria set out in the statute" as there is a significant market for medical products for Zika virus currently. According to the agency, expanding the program to include Zika, which would be ineligible, would weaken the effectiveness of the priority review program and would create an undue burden on FDA.

Mr. Speaker, it is for all of these reasons that I am opposing S. 2512 today. It is clear there are significant issues with the tropical disease priority review voucher program that should have been discussed and considered as a part of the Committee process. Unfortunately, we were not afforded that opportunity. If the goal of the House is to address the Zika crisis, we should not be expanding a flawed program that will provide incentives for which there is no need. Instead Congress should be working together, including with the Administration, to fully fund a comprehensive response to Zika. I submit the following letter:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-
ISTRATION,

Silver Spring, MD, February 29, 2016.

DEAR MEMBER: Thank you for your letter of February 05, 2016, urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) to add Zika virus to the list of qualified tropical diseases under the Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher (PRV) Program by issuing an order, as authorized by the Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Program Act [PL 113-233].

FDA is actively working on many fronts to help mitigate the Zika virus outbreak. The Agency's primary areas of activity include:

- (1) protecting the safety of the nation's blood supply and ensuring the safety of cell and tissue products;
- (2) facilitating the development and availability of blood donor screening and medical diagnostic tests for identification of the presence of, or prior exposure to, Zika virus;
- (3) supporting the development of investigational vaccines and therapeutics;

(4) reviewing proposals for the use of innovative strategies to help suppress the population of virus-carrying mosquitoes;

(5) protecting the public from fraudulent products that claim to prevent, diagnose, treat, or cure Zika virus disease.

Specific activities include issuing guidance to blood collection centers on safeguards to prevent transfusion transmission of Zika virus in areas of the U.S. and its territories with active mosquito borne transmission (currently Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Marshall Islands), and in unaffected areas where the virus might be introduced by persons returning from affected areas. FDA is also developing guidance that will address appropriate donor screening for human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products: concerns in this area have been highlighted by reported possible sexual transmission of the Zika virus. FDA is reaching out to potential commercial product manufacturers to encourage them to develop and submit applications for emergency use of diagnostic tests for the Zika virus. In addition, FDA is actively engaged with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to advance the development of diagnostic tests, vaccines, therapeutics, and donor screening and pathogen-reduction technologies for blood products to help mitigate this outbreak. These efforts have already realized a major success. On February 26, 2016, under its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) authority, FDA authorized the use of a Zika virus diagnostic test—developed by CDC—for the qualitative detection of Zika virus-specific immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibodies by qualified laboratories. This diagnostic test can help expand domestic readiness for Zika virus by enabling the identification of patients recently infected with Zika virus in support of response efforts.

As you are aware, under section 524 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to add infectious diseases to the list of tropical diseases that would qualify the developer of a licensed or approved product to prevent or treat an identified tropical disease to receive a PRV under FDA's Tropical Disease PRV Program, if: (1) there is no significant market in developed nations for that disease; and (2) the disease disproportionately affects poor and marginalized populations. This authority is delegated to FDA.

FDA has provided a process for requesting that additional diseases be added to the PRV list through the submission of a request to a special docket set up to facilitate the consideration of such requests, accompanied by information to document that the disease meets the statutory criteria required to be added to the PRV list. While FDA has not received a request to add the Zika virus to the PRV list via the docket, the Agency does not want to foreclose anyone from following that process and will evaluate any submissions that are made with respect to the Zika virus. FDA wants to make it clear, however, that—based on the information currently available to FDA—it is extremely unlikely that the Zika virus meets the criteria set out in the

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statute. While it appears likely that the Zika virus disproportionately affects poor and marginalized populations, it also appears that there is a significant market for the Zika virus medical products in developed nations, which would render the Zika virus ineligible for addition to the PRV list under the statute at this time.

FDA agrees that we need to do all that we can to facilitate the development of and access to medical products as quickly as possible to respond to the Zika virus outbreak. We fully believe that the incentives currently available for the Zika product development—such as funding for research and development, and clinical trial costs from government and non-governmental organizations—as well as extensive HHS technical assistance for product developers, are sufficient to help bring Zika products to market. FDA is fully prepared to use its authorities to the fullest extent appropriate—including proven mechanisms to speed the availability of medical products for serious diseases—to help facilitate the development and availability of products with the potential to mitigate this outbreak as quickly as the science will allow. However, expanding the PRV program by adding diseases or conditions that do not meet the criteria for inclusion is unnecessary, weakens the effectiveness of the PRV program, and creates an undue burden on FDA that can ultimately harm public health.

As you are aware, the Administration has asked Congress for approximately \$1.9 billion in emergency funding to enhance our ongoing efforts to prepare for and respond to the Zika virus, both domestically and internationally. Approving this funding request, which includes support for medical product development and procurement, is essential for sustaining HHS's effort to effectively incentivize the development and availability of medical products for the Zika virus.

Thank you, again, for contacting us concerning this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. The same letter has been sent to your cosigners.

Sincerely,

DAYLE CRISTINZIO,
*Acting Associate Commissioner for
Legislation.*

NO RATE REGULATION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 15, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 2666) to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates charged for broadband Internet access service:

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2666, the No Rate Regulation Act. Many small businesses and many of my neighbors in the Tampa Bay area have experienced loss of internet, TV and phone services. I want to ensure that my neighbors and businesses are protected—I am fighting for them to receive the services they paid for. The No Rate Regulation Act aims to dismantle the open internet and take the “cop off the beat” by hamstringing the FCC’s ability to protect the consumer. Because of these

concerns on behalf of my neighbors and small businesses, today I will vote against this bill.

This is timely legislation for all the wrong reasons. On April 1 of this year, Frontier Communications assumed Verizon’s TV, internet and land-line phone services in the Tampa Bay area. Since the transition, small businesses and individual consumers in Florida have experienced loss of internet, TV and phone services. Consumers are paying for services they are not receiving. Even now, customers are reporting waiting for Frontier’s technicians that are “no shows”. Frontier appears to be unable to provide the necessary services to my neighbors, at the present time.

I am here today to ensure all customers are protected. I have been fighting to protect the consumer and for robust public interest reviews. On February 2nd I stated in my letter to the FCC regarding the proposed Bright House Networks/Time Warner Cable/Charter merger that it is appropriate for the FCC to investigate that “best practices” are present on behalf consumers.

The awesome power of the internet should be used to build up our community and grow opportunity for our children. I am proud that last year Tampa was selected as one of only 27 communities nationwide to participate in ConnectHOME, which promotes locally tailored solutions to help bridge the gap in digital access for working-class households by addressing the barriers they have to high-speed broadband.

We should be dedicated to significant community boosts in access to digital opportunities for our students. We should be working with all agencies to develop the types of skills needed to secure today’s higher paying jobs for all our kids. Instead of inviting a promising tomorrow, Republicans have chosen to focus on a bad bill with no future today.

On the House floor Republicans have offered the No Rate Regulation Act. If passed it could undermine key provisions in the FCC’s Open Internet order and harm the Commission’s ability to protect consumers. This bill simply fails to define a clear definition and experts assert that the bill could result in unintended consequences. The No Rate Regulation Act is overly broad and extends far beyond the goals of codifying the FCC’s forbearance from applying provisions of the Communications Act related to tariffs, rate approval, or other forms of utility regulation. The FCC should not be stymied in their participation of mergers and acquisitions like the Bright House/TWC/Charter proposal. For example, I have said that BHN’s Connect2Compete Program should be maintained, but as written, this legislation could undermine the FCC’s ability to encourage customer service agreements that protect the most vulnerable.

We have seen the Comcast Universal merger approval include the supply of an affordable internet program called the Internet Essentials. These stipulations are important and should be maintained in other deals moving forward.

Mr. Chair, today I will vote against this Republican bill that could undermine key provisions in the FCC’s Open Internet Order and harm the FCC’s ability to protect consumers. We should not be undermining the FCC. This legislation could exacerbate already negative consequences for my neighbors in the Tampa Bay area. I will continue work to protect consumers and neighbors in my community and vote no on the No Rate Regulation Act.

COMMENDING BETSY FLEMING
FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF CONVERSE COLLEGE

HON. TREY GOWDY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, today I commend President Betsy Fleming of Converse College for her service to higher education and her remarkable impact on South Carolina.

After growing up in Spartanburg, President Fleming left in 1984 to embark on her journey to become a renowned art-historian. Throughout her career, she held curatorial positions at several prominent museums across the United States as well as overseas in London. Prior to being named President of Converse College in 2005, Fleming served as the executive director of the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, South Carolina.

Under President Fleming’s eleven years of leadership, Converse College experienced incredible transformation. During her tenure, Converse reduced its tuition by 43 percent and celebrated its largest undergraduate enrollment in over 25 years, becoming a national leader in affordability and value. Furthermore, Converse gained full NCAA Division II membership in eleven sports programs and raised more than \$76 million in support.

In addition to her impact on the Converse College community, President Fleming’s service extends above and beyond her commitment in Spartanburg. An Aspen Institute Liberty Fellow, President Fleming serves on the Council of Presidents for the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Steering Committee in the Future of Higher Education, and on the Board of Directors for both the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Charlotte Branch and Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina.

President Fleming’s impact on students, staff, and faculty will always be remembered, and her legacy will transform the future of Converse College. I thank President Fleming for her extraordinary service and congratulate her on her retirement. We look forward to the next chapter of her remarkable life as she continues to serve our community, state and country.

IN MEMORY OF RACHEL HOUSTON

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to remember and honor the life, faith, and service of Rachel Margaret Houston. A former legislative assistant in my office, Rachel passed away on April 10, 2016, at the far-too-young age of 32.

Those of us who had the honor to know Rachel knew her kind heart, deep faith, and compassion for others. Friends and former co-workers remembered her as a “wonderful” and “lovely person,” and a “soft, sweet spirit,” with a “bright smile, kind words, and warm heart.” Rachel was that rare person who could reach out to someone new and make him or her feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged. Her kindness left a mark on all who

knew and worked with her—whether for a short time, or over the course of years.

In her professional life, Rachel exemplified qualities worth emulating. In her work for the people of New Jersey's 5th Congressional District, she demonstrated a commitment to excellence and always strove to give her best. Her colleagues and friends alike, both on and off Capitol Hill, recognized her for her sharp mind, loving spirit, and inner strength.

Rachel was devoted to causes greater than herself and impacted many lives beyond her work in Congress. In 2006, she participated in the Family Research Council's Witherspoon Fellowship program to prepare for leadership and service in the public arena. She was an accomplished writer, and she also shared her faith, time, and talent through various mission trips as well as through her church family.

Rachel was a blessing in the lives of all who knew her. She loved her God, her country, and her fellow man—and she will be missed. My prayer is that God will comfort her family and friends during this time, and that they will know that Rachel's life will be remembered.

THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, April 10th marked the 37th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act. This landmark legislation, one of Congress' great achievements, has guaranteed and continues to guarantee ongoing relations with our friend and partner, Taiwan.

Taiwan's President Ma made a speech at the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei (AmCham) Hsieh Nian Fan celebration on March 30th, 2016. In the speech, President Ma pointed out that in the US-based Global Finance magazine's ratings of the world's richest countries from November of last year, Taiwan ranked 19th out of 185 countries worldwide. That put Taiwan right behind Germany, and far ahead of countries like France, Great Britain, Japan, and South Korea. Additionally, in the 2015 global competitiveness ratings published by the Institute of Management Development (IMD), in Lausanne, Switzerland, Taiwan ranked No. 11 in the world and No. 3 in the Asia-Pacific Region. Taiwan has created an enviable and thriving innovative economy. I give praise to President Ma's leadership. The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing relationship that stems from our shared values: democracy, the rule of law, and free enterprise. Taiwan is a strong economic partner—in fact they are now our 9th-largest trading partner. In 2014, Colorado's exports to Taiwan reached \$191.5 million. Taiwan is Colorado's 7th largest export market in the world. Colorado companies have substantial opportunities to expand their business and cooperation with Taiwan. Equally important are the Taiwanese-Americans living in Colorado and the wealth of knowledge and entrepreneurial energy they bring.

I offer my warmest and best wishes to the people of Taiwan on this 37th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. I also extend my

congratulations to Dr. Tsai Ing-wen on her victory in the Taiwanese Presidential election. I look forward to the continued and growing friendship and partnership between the United States and Taiwan.

TRIBUTE TO JOSH CALHOON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Josh Calhoon of Minden, Iowa, on his selection to the Tri-Center High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Josh, a 2010 graduate of Tri-Center High School, in Avoca, Iowa, is known for being an outstanding athlete.

The Tri-Center High School Hall of Fame was created in 1991 to honor those students who excelled in high school basketball. In his career, Josh led the Tri-Center Trojans to many victories as a two-year starting varsity team member, a three-year letter winner, first All-Western Iowa Conference selection and was named to the Southwest Iowa All-Star Game. Josh epitomizes the word, "leadership." He scored 818 points during his basketball career and is remembered for his work ethic, especially his willingness to go above and beyond for his beloved Tri-Center Trojans.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Josh for his induction into the Tri-Center High School Basketball Hall of Fame. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Josh and wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE SERVICE OF COLONEL ROCKY MCIPHERSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RET)

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Colonel Rocky McPherson, United States Marine Corps (Ret), for his more than fifty years of dedicated service to the State of Florida and our great Nation.

A 1966 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Rocky received his commission in the United States Marine Corps. For more than 30 years, his military career took him around the globe, which began upon commission with the first of two combat tours and included a myriad of command and leadership roles. In his first combat assignment, Rocky deployed to Vietnam and served as an Infantry Officer with A Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. When he returned home, he attended the Air Force flight school at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas. Having earned his wings, he moved on to his next assignment, mission qualification in the all-weather attack aircraft A6 Intruder. As a newly minted pilot, Rocky returned to Vietnam aboard the USS *Coral Sea* (CVA-43) as a Squadron

Landing Signal Officer. During this second combat tour, he recorded numerous sorties over Vietnam and had over 160 carrier landings. His two combat tours earned him the distinction as the only Marine officer with both ground and aviation combat tours during the Vietnam war.

For the next several tours, Rocky remained stateside. He served as the Marine Corps Representative at the United States Air Force Academy and at Marine Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He then commanded the Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 121 aboard the USS *Ranger* (CV-61); took on the responsibility of training and operations for more than 400 tactical aircraft as Deputy Wings Operations Officer in El Toro, California; and commanded the Marine Air Training Support Group at Whidbey Island, Washington, before returning abroad as Chief of Staff to III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) in Okinawa, Japan. Rocky made his final stop at Marine Corps Headquarters as Manpower Division Deputy Director before retiring as Colonel in 1995.

Colonel McPherson's commitment to public service did not end there, however. From 1999 to 2007, he continued to serve in support of our Nation's heroes and in particular the more than 1.5 million veterans and their families in Florida, as the Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. During his tenure, he oversaw the most significant expansion of state veterans' nursing homes and was a driving force behind the Florida World War II Memorial and monument and the expansion of Bushnell National Cemetery. Additionally, he helped to ensure that wounded service members returning home from the Global War on Terror received the support and care they had earned.

Florida is proud of being home to our Nation's servicemembers and veterans, and Rocky understands the critical importance that the military missions based in the state play in providing for our strong national defense. To that end, he has spent the last decade of his career in support of Florida's military installations as part of Enterprise Florida, Inc. He played an integral role in standing up the Florida Defense Support Task Force, created by Florida Statute, to preserve, protect, and enhance Florida's military missions and installations and currently serves as its Vice President of Military and Defense Programs, Strategic Partnerships. Rocky also assisted in creating and publishing the Florida Military Friendly Guide, a summary of all laws and programs in Florida benefitting active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel and their families, as well as production of the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis. Furthermore, he played an integral role in establishing the first-ever program for applying state resources to non-conservation lands transactions in Florida Statute to protect military missions from non-compatible development and other encroachment threats to the military value of Florida installations. He has been an active and valued voice on the State Advisory Council for the Association of Defense Communities.

Without question, Colonel Rocky McPherson can hang his hat up on a career he can be proud of. He has proven to be an accomplished leader who has dedicated his life to serving the State of Florida and the United States of America, and his unwavering commitment to men and women in the Armed

Forces and veterans' community will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to honor Colonel Rocky McPherson, United States Marine Corps (retired). My wife Vicki joins me in thanking Rocky and his wife, Connie, for their dedicated service. This includes Connie's 12 years in the United States Marine Corps. We wish them; their three children, Ashley, Nathan, and Courtney; grandchild; and all of the McPherson family all the best for continued success. Semper Fi.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ART
NICHOLAS

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Art Nicholas of Englewood, Florida, who was recently awarded France's highest military decoration, the "Knight of the Legion of Honor."

Mr. Nicholas was honored, at a ceremony in Englewood, for his service to France and its people during World War II. The Knight's Cross award was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. Since World War II approximately 93,000 of these medals have been presented to American servicemen who risked their lives fighting on French soil during the war.

Mr. Nicholas served aboard a landing ship (LCT52) during D-Day, the Allied assault to free occupied Europe in June of 1944. The invasion along France's northern coast was the largest amphibious invasion in history and led to the liberation of France from Nazi forces.

Mr. Nicholas held the rank of boatswain's mate first class and worked as an underwater demolition man at the Gold Beach landing area. Nicholas was also at both Juno Beach and Omaha Beach. Earlier in the war, he participated in the invasion of North Africa in November in 1942 and was also awarded a Purple Heart.

In addition to his combat service, Mr. Nicholas helped build the Amphibious Warfare School in Fort Pierce, Florida as a member of the "Scouts and Raiders." He trained members of the Underwater Demolition Team in Fort Pierce, Florida who were the forerunners of today's Navy SEALs, who conduct quiet forays into enemy territory during conflicts in which the U.S. is involved.

Mr. Nicholas left the military in 1946. He returned to Michigan and married his wife, Hazel, whom he met in England and has been married to for 69 years.

He opened a business named Corrugated Paper Products, which created shipping containers in Indiana before moving to Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Art Nicholas for his service and commend him on receiving the highest military commendation the French government awards an individual.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY AND PAT
CORKREAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nancy and Pat Corkrean of Winterset for being honored with a 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

The Corkreans have actively participated in Madison County organizations for many years. Through their business, Madison County Realty, they have promoted residential development, housing and a strong tax base. They launched Corkrean Homes, a construction company which provides new housing and commercial development. They have been involved in the world-renowned John Wayne Birthplace Museum, the Quilt Museum, and were active in enticing the development of a new Winterset motel. Their commitment to their church, St. Joseph Catholic Church of Winterset is a model for all Madisonians. Winterset and Madison County Iowa are blessed to have two people such as these working hard to make the picturesque region an even greater place to live and work.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Pat and Nancy Corkrean in the United States Congress. I also invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them on receiving this award and wishing them nothing but continued success as they move forward in building a better Madison County.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BEVERLY
W. GLOVER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Beverly W. Glover for her noteworthy work with the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers Widows, Inc. Dr. Glover, the wife of Pastor and Moderator Walter L. Glover, Jr., currently serves as the President of IAMWMW, which will celebrate its 75th year of training and preparing ministers and pastor's wives for service in their roles beside their husbands. A celebration will take place in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. At this celebration, IAMWMW will recognize Dr. Glover as an outstanding leader, retired educator, mother, wife, and faithful follower of Christ.

Dr. Beverly W. Glover is a native of Macon, Georgia. She received her education from Bibb County Public Schools, Savannah State College, Fort Valley State College (now University), Georgia College, and Georgia Southern University. She earned a Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

With a passion for improving the lives of children and young adults, Dr. Glover began

her career as a teacher at Burdell Elementary School in Macon, Georgia. She taught at Danforth Primary School and Bernd Elementary School before moving to Miller Middle School, where she served as Assistant Principal, and then Southwest High School, where she served as Principal. Dr. Glover concluded her remarkable 37-year career with the Bibb County School System serving as the Director of the Joseph N. Neel Alternative School. Here, she worked diligently to ensure success for all students and staff and under her leadership, the school received the Excellence in Education Award.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Dr. Glover is an active member of many religious and civic organizations where she continuously devotes her time to bettering the community. These organizations include the Epsilon Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.; Phi Delta Kappa; Church Women United; The Links Inc.; NAACP; OES Number 82; and General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., among others.

Since childhood, the church has always played a vital role in Dr. Glover's life. She is an active member of the Greater Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she organized the Deaconess Ministry. She is a member of the Sunday School, Missionary Society, Mission-in-Action, and advisor to the Women's Ministry. Dr. Glover also organized and managed the church's first Vacation Bible School which enrolled and served 225 children the first year. She also serves as Secretary and General Manager of Glover Memorial Mortuary in Macon, Georgia.

Dr. Glover has been a member of the ministers' wives organizations for more than 30 years. She founded the Macon Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows local organization. On the state level, Dr. Glover served as Recording Secretary under the leadership of Dr. Ethel Purvis Stokes. She was then elected President of the Georgia Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. Since 2010, Dr. Glover has served as the eighth President of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Dr. Glover undoubtedly lives by this philosophy. From her work as an educator to her involvement in missions, Dr. Glover has made a tremendous impact on the lives of others. She is a woman of integrity who exudes the genuine principles and values of Christian discipleship. A charismatic evangelical leader and pioneer, her spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, members of the IAMWMW, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest appreciation to Dr. Beverly W. Glover. A woman of many hats, she is an outstanding educator and mentor, strong leader, prominent community activist, and devoted caretaker, but above all, she is a faithful servant of God.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.
BETTY R. MODRALL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mrs. Betty R. Modrall and ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the legacy that she left in Columbia, Tennessee.

Betty was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She spent her childhood and adolescent years in the city of Mount Pleasant. After high school she attended Columbia Business College where she met her husband Mr. Joe Tom Modrall. On June 11th, 1956, she began her first job working for the city of Columbia starting as a clerk and bookkeeper. In 1970, she was appointed as the city recorder and finance director until 1995. She continued to serve as city recorder until her passing on March 15th, 2016.

Betty was a beloved member of her city. She faithfully served for almost six decades. Betty looked out for the interests of the people, especially the retiree community. She went above and beyond for the city of Columbia and fulfilled her positions with honor. Her love and support will be remembered by those whom she served.

TRIBUTE TO MARY DEWITT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary DeWitt on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 27, 2016.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mary's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mary has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mary in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mary on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

FRAY GARCES COUNCIL 1830
CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in special recognition of the Fray Garces Council

1830 of the Knights of Columbus. Established in Needles, California on March 5, 1906, Council 1830 celebrated its 100th anniversary at a special ceremony on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Named in the honor of a martyred Franciscan missionary, Council 1830 has served under the Arch Diocese of Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Bernardino. In 1950, Council 1830 moved its operations to Barstow, California and is an integral part of the San Bernardino County community. Council 1830 is active with the El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California, has sponsored bingo events since the 1960s, and founded the Arrowhead-Desert Valley Chapter in 1959.

I would like to congratulate Council 1830 on this momentous occasion. Their commitment to promoting the Knights of Columbus principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and charity make our community a special place to live. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, congratulations on 100 years of service.

HONORING DON ROMINES

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Romines of Houston, Missouri on receiving this year's Lifetime Achievement Award for his 45 years of service to the community. In addition to being the city's longest serving alderman, Don has volunteered and participated in numerous groups and projects dedicated to improving the community.

From a young age, Don worked in the family owned and operated business Romines Motor Company. His parents were active members of the community, with Don's mother Vera holding office as the first female mayor of Houston. In 1972, Don married former Houston Middle School teacher Barbara Bridges, whom he later had two children with, Franklin and Tyler.

In 1978, Don was first elected to the Houston City Council. In his thirty-plus year career, Don has spent more than 720 evenings at council meetings alone, which totals over 1500 cumulative hours of volunteering for the community. During his tenure as alderman, Don has worked on projects including airport expansion, park developments, street and sidewalk additions, and long range planning. In addition to his service on the City Council, Don has participated in the Houston Jaycees, volunteered at the fire department, the chamber of commerce, and the Houston Development Company.

For these many accomplishments and his outstanding career of community service, it is my pleasure to recognize Don Romines in front of the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE FEIRER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julie

Feirer of Winterset for being honored by her peers as the 2015 Business Person of the Year by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Julie launched her business, Winterset Citizen Promotions, in late 2013 and by 2015 had achieved a 425 percent increase in her business. Known for providing a high level of service to fellow Madison County businesses, Julie devotes volunteer hours throughout the community to improve and enhance Winterset and the Madison County area. The region is better served because Julie epitomizes leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Iowans like Julie in the United States Congress. I also invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this award and wishing her nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MIDDLESEX
AND SOMERSET COUNTIES AFL-
CIO LABOR COUNCIL 33RD AN-
NUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLAR-
SHIP BRUNCH HONORING KEVIN
McCABE AND VINCENT M. LANE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council as its members gather for the 33rd annual Awards and Scholarship Brunch on April 24, 2016. I would also like to congratulate Kevin McCabe and Vincent M. Lane on their recognition by the Council as the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award recipient and the Labor Person of the Year recipient, respectively.

The Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council, based in Sayreville, New Jersey, represents workers in Middlesex and Somerset Counties. The Council supports and advocates for unions and their members in an effort to advance and protect the standards, rights and benefits of New Jersey's labor force.

Kevin McCabe and Vincent Lane, truly embody the spirit of the Hubert H. Humphrey Friend of Labor Award and the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council Labor Person of the Year. As President of the Carpenter Contractor Trust of New York & New Jersey and former Commissioner for the New Jersey State Department of Labor, Chairman McCabe is a dedicated partner in labor and continues to serve New Jersey's workforce. Mr. Lane is a hardworking labor leader, currently serving as its Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711.

I would also like to join with the Council in commemorating Workers Memorial Day. Workers Memorial Day is an important observance, highlighting the risks men and women face on the job and the need to continue our efforts to advance safe work conditions. I commend the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council for remembering those individuals who have been injured or who have lost their lives in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the Middlesex and Somerset

Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council and congratulating Kevin McCabe and Vincent Lane. Their efforts to ensure equal rights and opportunities for workers is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

COMMEMORATING THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

The Republic of China (Taiwan) is not only our close economic and security partner but a friend with whom we share many principles and values. Signed into law in 1979, the Taiwan Relations Act established the legal basis for our bilateral relations with Taiwan. I am pleased to say the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship has continued to expand and grow stronger over the past thirty-seven years. As President Ma Ying-jeou remarked during The American Chamber of Commerce 2016 Annual Hsieh Nien Fan Gala, this relationship has also reaped benefits for the peaceful state of the East Asia and Asia-Pacific regions: "First, the development of Taiwan-U.S. relations and the trilateral interaction involving the U.S., Taiwan, and the mainland over the past eight years have led to the warmest relations in more than 60 years."

In a recent trip to Taiwan, I had the opportunity to experience firsthand our shared values and our close economic ties. In 2015, Taiwan was the United States' 9th largest trading partner and the bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan reached \$67.4 billion. My home state of California has also benefited from the strong commercial partnership. For example, in 2014, California's export to Taiwan reached \$7.46 billion, making Taiwan California's 5th largest export market in Asia and 7th largest export market in the world.

Additionally, as we recently recognized the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, it is appropriate to remember Taiwan's important contributions to the alliance that defeated fascist militarism. The United States and Taiwan work closely and that partnership continued as the United States helped Taiwan to overcome challenges and thrive following the end of the fighting.

As a friend of Taiwan, I look forward to continuing to promote policies that reaffirm our mutual commitment to democratic and economic development. I urge my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 37th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,203,187,186,595.43. We've added \$8,576,310,137,682.35 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO BROOKE SUTPHIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brooke Sutphin for being recognized by her peers to receive the 2015 Customer Service of the Year Award from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Her company, b.Shannon Designs in Winterset, is known throughout the region for its unique product of personalized jewelry.

Brooke has been designing and creating jewelry since 1995 when she graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. Her specialty is seeking a unique combination of contrast and textures which catch the eye. It has been said that "A customer doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care." (D. Ramon) Brooke Sutphin lives that motto every day in her dealings with the public. She cares about her community as much as she cares about her business and it shows with the recognition they bestowed upon her.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Brooke and all the citizens of Madison County in the United States Congress. I also invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this award and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING APRIL 17 AS WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April 17 as World Hemophilia Day, a day where the international community speaks as one to honor the hundreds of thousands of people across the globe suffering from hemophilia. Now, more than ever, we must renew our commitment to hemophilia patients, ensure that they can receive the most advanced care known to modern medicine, and redouble our efforts to discovering new treatments—and ultimately a cure—for this dangerous condition.

Hemophilia is a genetic disorder that prevents blood from clotting properly, making even seemingly slight injuries a terrifying prospect for a bleeding episode that can lead to serious injury and even death. While the disease is rare in statistical terms, an estimated 400 newborns are diagnosed with the disease every year, and approximately 20,000 hemophiliacs live in the United States at this very moment. And all too often, this vulnerable patient population is put into jeopardy by the financial hurdles obstructing access to the in-

tensive care needed for combatting such a pervasive disease.

Too many American families are faced with the daunting challenge of tackling the financial burden of hemophilia—a burden that can grow to \$250,000 a year or more. This World Hemophilia Day, I stand to speak out on behalf of the patients battling this complicated disease and hope that by raising awareness in this body, we move closer to a day where the treatment of hemophilia is practical, sustainable, and accessible for all Americans.

MARY BETH RADIGAN

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Beth Radigan, an outstanding educator and Hillsborough County's 2016 Teacher of the Year.

After graduating from Ohio University with a degree in Special Education, Ms. Radigan began her illustrious career in special-education classrooms, including nine years in Hillsborough County as an educator for autistic and intellectually delayed students. She currently serves as special education teacher at Plant High School in Tampa, Florida. As a proud parent of a Plant High School student, I know firsthand how invaluable an educator is in developing the potential in all children. Ms. Radigan's passion for education is so well established in our community that she was selected from a pool of hundreds of nominees as the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year.

Accompanying her passion in the classroom, Ms. Radigan serves as a Special Olympics coach. Students in her classroom learn important life skills through numerous additional programs that she has spearheaded. In 2012, Ms. Radigan's class founded Pawbucks coffee, a coffee service, where her students have the opportunity to improve their job skills, social skills and independence. They are responsible for managing the business by making coffee, setting up the carts, selling and delivering coffee, answering phone orders and counting the total daily sales. Beyond practical skills, Pawbucks coffee has given students the opportunity to feel a great pride and a part of the school community.

In addition to the coffee service, she and her students founded an organic garden that recently received a Florida Agriculture in the Classroom grant to buy a hydroponic tower. You can also find her students leading the cheering section at the weekly football games through the Paw Prints Cheerleading. Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year Mary Beth Radigan has shown time and time again her unwavering commitment and compassion to go above and beyond for her students. She has created a meaningful and enriching experience for all of her students and will leave a lasting legacy as a teacher with endless compassion and drive.

It is one of my greatest honors to champion our community's excellent students and educators in Congress. On behalf of the constituents of the Fourteenth District of Florida it is our honor to recognize Mary Beth Radigan for her exemplary career of educating our community's youth.

TRIBUTE TO GORDON HENNICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gordon Hennick on the occasion of his 100th birthday on March 30, 2016.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Gordon's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Gordon has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Gordon in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Gordon on reaching this incredible milestone and wishing him even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HOSTILITIES BETWEEN
AZERBAIJAN AND ARMENIA**HON. RYAN K. ZINKE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deepest concern over the recent surge in hostilities along the Line of Contact between Armenia and Azerbaijan which needlessly claimed dozens of lives on both sides.

These skirmishes come just days after a successful visit by Azerbaijani President Aliyev with Vice President BIDEN and Secretary Kerry. Azerbaijan has been a staunch ally to the United States. It is critical to regional stability and global security that the recent hostilities be deescalated.

It is no secret that Russia does not support the Southern Gas Corridor Project. This pipeline has been championed by Azerbaijan and would provide critical energy security for America's friends and allies in Europe. Accordingly this latest upsurge in fighting is another sign of Moscow's meddling in the affairs of states along its borders. As we have seen in Eastern Ukraine and Georgia, Russia continues to exploit separatist movements along its periphery to pressure our friends and allies in the region. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that Armenia, Russia's key regional ally, has been used as a proxy to intimidate our partners, including Azerbaijan and Georgia.

These latest hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia remind us of the urgency to find a peaceful solution to the protracted conflict. I urge the Administration to step up its efforts towards a peaceful solution and work with both sides to stabilize the region. Meanwhile, in the face of increasing Russian interference and aggression against its neighbors, the United States must remain steadfast in its support of friends like Azerbaijan.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. SE-
BASTIAN LUJAN "BEN"
BENAVIDEZ**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Sebastian Lujan "Ben" Benavidez, a longtime Fresno civil rights leader, who passed away on April 4, 2016, at the age of 69. Mr. Benavidez will undoubtedly be remembered by the legacy he created through serving the community as a positive role model to all of those he encountered.

Born on November 4, 1946 in Miami, Arizona, Mr. Benavidez was the son of Arizona copper miners. He moved to Fresno, California in 1962. He graduated from Washington Union High School, and continued on to attend Fresno City College. After college Ben worked for Parlier Unified School District. Mr. Benavidez is appreciated by many individuals throughout California, but he is especially treasured in the San Joaquin Valley, where he worked tirelessly to improve civil and economic rights for individuals throughout the region.

Mr. Benavidez was a leader and spent decades advocating and working to improve the lives of immigrant families in the rural communities of the San Joaquin Valley and California. He became actively involved in the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), serving as President for 13 years. As President of MAPA, Mr. Benavidez fought to expand opportunities in education, and led an effort to increase minority participation in local government. In the 1980s and early 1990s, he led boycotts and walkouts that helped more Latinos win city and school board positions. His efforts to expand opportunities for minorities in education decisions led him to take on Dinuba, and Kings Canyon Unified School districts in a battle to eliminate at-large elections, to ensure that school boards were reflective of the communities they served.

Mr. Benavidez's unrelenting pursuit for social justice made him known to be fearless, and he demanded fairness. He fought for equality and improved educational opportunities for immigrant, migrant and minority children. He educated parents about their civil rights and their enormous political potential. Mr. Benavidez's contributions to his community, his philanthropic endeavors, and his work to expand small minority owned businesses led him to be honored by Parlier Unified School District with an elementary school named after him. In 2007, The Fresno Bee recognized Mr. Benavidez with the Latino Legends of the 20th Century Award, and in 2011, Mr. Benavidez was honored for his civil rights work, in advocating for minority civil and economic rights by the Greenlining Institute.

Without question, Mr. Benavidez's integrity, honor and long-lasting involvement in the Central Valley made him a reputable man. He was well known, beloved, and shown enormous appreciation by anyone who had the pleasure of calling him a friend. Mr. Benavidez leaves behind his loving family, including his wife of 49 years, Gloria, their two sons and two daughters, their respective spouses, twelve grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is my honor to join his family in celebrating the life

of this amazing man, who will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the life of Mr. Ben Benavidez. He will be remembered for his contributions and service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DAN MEHMEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Dan Mehmen of Atlantic, Iowa, for being recognized as the Ambassador of the Year by the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dan is new to the Atlantic area, stepping into the community in 2015. To be a friendly neighbor and community leader, Dan has taken an active role in the Atlantic Area Chamber of Commerce. As an Ambassador for the organization, he visits local businesses to welcome them to the community, attend grand opening ribbon cuttings, and shares information beneficial to a new or local business. In presenting the award, his peers recognized his faithful attendance at Chamber-related events throughout the year, while showing enthusiastic support for area businesses and his fellow Ambassadors.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Dan for earning this award and for taking an active role in his community. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Dan and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday, April 13, 2016, has been designated "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy." I am pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing the unique contributions to our civilization from those of Greece and of Greek American descent.

Democracy was first born in Greece over 2,000 years ago, based on the fundamental principle of consensual government self-determined by free citizens. The ideas forged in ancient Greece by brilliant minds of the day have such clarity and force that 2,000 years later they still hold more power than a host of armed weapons.

The priceless ideas of democracy and equality born in ancient Greece have strongly shaped the American national identity, which became a beacon of freedom and dignity to individuals. They continue to give hope and inspiration to the millions around the world who yearn to live in a free society like ours. Greece set the example for us and we, in turn have set the example for countless others.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that the Congress has set aside this national day of celebration again in 2016. Each year, it seems, we

have a greater appreciation for the tremendous contribution of Greece to our American values and our priceless democracy.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEAN ROBINSON
FAMILY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Dean Robinson Family for being awarded the Cattleman of the Year award from the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. The Madison County Cattlemen's Association is an organization of beef producing families and associated companies dedicated to the future of Iowa's beef industry.

Accepting the coveted award were Robinson family members and producers Dave, Gina, Dean, Kristin and Bradley Robinson. Many Iowans, as well as the Robinsons, have a long tradition of raising quality beef for world consumption. Their farming operation is based on pure dedication to feeding the world while being good stewards of their product and the land.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the Robinsons for this award and I share their love and passion of raising cattle to feed the world. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Robinson Family and wishing them nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORIAM BRUCE MERRILL
MAY 13, 1937–APRIL 9, 2016

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bruce Merrill. Bruce was a prominent Arizona political scientist and pollster who taught and conducted research at Arizona State University for the past forty years. Bruce was an Arizona native who taught political science and conducted regular opinion surveys of Arizona voters and provided political commentary to news outlets.

No elected official in Arizona was elected to office without the knowledge of Merrill's research. He was a factual, objective voice focused on finding out what Arizonan's wanted from their leaders. His perspective and deep knowledge of the Arizona electorate will be deeply missed.

Bruce was also a U.S. Navy veteran who served as a liaison officer to members of Congress and other political leaders. He studied political research at Brigham Young University and joined the faculty at ASU in 1970. He retired from the university in 1998 as a professor emeritus and served as a fellow for the Morrison Institute, a research center focused on public policy in Arizona.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Janis, daughter Kathryn Sorensen, son Christopher and his wife's children, Laura Sonius, Brian Sandler

and Heather Lauth and a host of grandchildren. Please join me in honoring his memory.

TRIBUTE TO WALT TITUS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Walt Titus on his recent retirement from the Gravity, Iowa Fire Department. Walt served as a firefighter for more than 58 years.

Walt became a volunteer firefighter in the mid-1950s in Kirkman, Iowa and has worked for the Sharpsburg and Gravity Fire Departments over the course of the next 58 years. He did anything that needed to be done in service to the department. He was quoted in the Bedford Times-Press stating that commitment is the key to a volunteer fire department. "If a fire alarm goes off, there is a blizzard and it's 10 below zero, some want to stay home. When you're committed, you get up and go whether you feel like it or not." It is that attitude which exemplifies the Iowa spirit of volunteerism and pride.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Walt for his service to Taylor County. I consider it an honor to represent Walt in United States House of Representatives and wish him the best in his retirement from his firefighting duties.

CELEBRATING THE 2016 CONGRES-
SIONAL ARTS COMPETITION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented young men and women participated in the 2016 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty six participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Jane Lee from Wayne Valley High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Chrome Still-Life." Second place was awarded to Emma Jang from West Morris Mendham High School for her acrylic painting on canvas entitled, "Tenacity." Tyler Harker received third place for his etching titled "Opal."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Connor Sokol of Sparta High School for his photograph titled "Freedom's Flight," Jasmine Shaw for her photograph entitled "There's No Place Like Homeland," Camila Rosario for her colored pencil sketch entitled "Stressed Out," and Leonela Moyoli of Boonton High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Tyran Moore."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries.

Boonton High School:
Alexis Manfredi, "The Lorax"
Leonela Moyoli, "Tyran Moore"
Theodore Perri, "Phelps"
Elizabeth Sayles, "Elizabeth"

Chatham High School:
Jane Ewald, "Teddy"
Connie Han, "Like Father Like Son"
Phoebe Nichols, "Eliza"
Amanda Leyens, Untitled

Delbarton School:
Joseph Gambetta, "Patriotism"
Santiago Robertson-Lavalle, "Girl in the Archway"

Hanover Park High School:
Samantha Wingerter, "Sam I Am"
Jefferson Township High School:
Skylar Lewis, "Moonlight Serenade"
Melanie Rodriguez, "Reflections"
Nina Thogulura, "Hues of Contemplation"

Kinnelon High School:
Samantha Flayderman, "Miss Believer"
Patrycia Glowiak, "Shadows"
Ava Lutz, "Aviary Reflection"
Amanda Pita, "The Old Man by the Sea"
Livingston High School:
Lanie Esralew, "July in Manhattan"
Yana Sang, "Around the World"
Jasmine Shaw, "There's No Place like Home-land"

Julia Zeman, "Passionate Polaroid"
Jennifer Zheng, "Where to Next?"

Mewe Art Academy:
Siyu Cao, "2011/07/01 Shanghai"

Montville High School:
Kristen DiGiacomo, "Lost"
Destinee Garrido, "Style"
Alexander Tullo, "Back Street Lot"

Morris Catholic High School:
Patrick Green, "Sunset Over the Marine Corps War Memorial"

Roxana Ponce, "Reminiscence"
Haoming Zhu, "Zi Tai [Posture]"

Morris Knolls High School:
Austin Braddock, "Censored"
Jenna Ford, "Fractured Self-Portrait"
Adam SanGiovanni, "Stephanie, the Free Soul"

Ryan Sullivan, "Hypnotized"

Mountain Lakes High School:
Joy Xie, "Worn Out"

Nutley High School:
Barbara Benda, "Relief in the Farm of Nusty Pages"

Jacob Michels, "Bridge"
Omar Morsi, "Making the Best of a Rainy Day"

Gregory O'Connell, "Smooth Criminal"

Parsippany High School:
Christine Li, "Don't Burst My Bubble"

Parsippany Hills High School:
Karoline Xiong, "The Joy of Sunrise"

Passaic County Technical Institute:
Christopher Cortez, "Norma"

Jamie Loverdi, "Candice Swanepoel"

Passaic Valley High School:
Claudia Barone, "Piano Keys"
Melanie Capalbo, "Fall Foliage"
Andrew Fuentet, "Fear in Clouds"
Santiago Gomez-Vargas, "All the Dry Peaches"

Randolph High School:
Nicole Gehan, "Brave"

Sparta High School:
Brandon Ancis, "Unspoken Wisdom"
Katlyn Connelly, "Father and Son Bonding"
Mitchell Coyle, "The Dream Within Us All"
Connor Sokol, "Freedom's Flight"

Wayne Valley High School:

Jane Lee, "Chrome Still-Life"
 Olivia Lozy, "Stained Hands"
 Chelsea Pitti-Fernandez, "Hedgeworth"
 Camila Rosario, "Stressed Out"
 West Morris Mendham High School:
 Tyler Harker, "Opal"
 Emma Jang, "Tenacity"
 West Orange High School:
 Victoria Chi, "Harper"
 Genesis Guedes, "Titans"
 Harper McVey, "Fury"
 Vanessa Wapples, "Still Waiting . . ."
 Whippany Park High School:
 Nasim Bibi, "Beyond the Looking Glass"
 Michelle Duong, "Morendo: Diminishing in Time"
 Ana Ramil, "Pride"
 Lisa Romano, "1,000 Words"

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 18, I missed Roll Call Votes 153 and 154 due to flight delays in traveling to Washington, D.C. associated with my need to monitor the emergency response to flash flooding in my congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 153, I would have voted AYE (H.R. 4570—100 Years of Women in Congress Act (Representative MENG—Agriculture))
 On Roll Call 154, I would have voted AYE (S. 719—To rename the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Great Falls, Montana, the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center (Senator TESTER—Armed Services))

TRIBUTE TO RINGGOLD COUNTY HOSPITAL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ringgold County Hospital in Mount Ayr, Iowa on their 65th anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Ringgold County and the surrounding communities.

Ringgold County Hospital opened on April 17, 1951 with 25 employees and 65 years later, employs 125. Ringgold County Hospital offers many services not even possible in 1951, ranging from same-day and outpatient surgeries, physical therapy, cardiopulmonary rehab, medical imaging, infusion therapy and

sleep studies to ambulance services. Ringgold County Hospital also owns the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic and offer many specialty clinic services for community members.

Mr. Speaker, throughout its many years of service, Ringgold County Hospital has successfully met the needs of the community by providing excellent care and necessary services. I congratulate the Ringgold County Hospital on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success well into the future.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 18, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said: "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to eight extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Remington Belford from Texas Southern University; Bianca Rennie from the University of Texas at Austin; Madelyn Wilson from the University of Houston; Promise Ukandu from Texas Tech University; Gabriela Irizarry from the George Washington University; Itzayana Lopez from the University of Houston-Downtown; Taylor Rainey from Howard University; and Karis Johnson, Esq. from St. Mary's Law School.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowl-

edge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud, and an original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016".

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking.

SD-342

APRIL 26

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine restoring stability to government operations.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
To hold hearings to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

SR-222

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine our complex tax code and the economy.

SD-562

5 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on an Administration update on the Mosul Dam.

SVC-217

APRIL 21

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command.

SH-216

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine enabling advanced reactors, including S. 2795, to

modernize the regulation of nuclear energy.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for commerce, justice, science, and related agencies, and proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for transportation, housing and urban development, and related agencies.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Customs and Border Protection agency.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 1167, to modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek Wilderness, the Owyhee River Wilderness, and the North Fork Owyhee Wilderness and to authorize the continued use of motorized vehicles for livestock monitoring, herding, and grazing in certain wilderness areas in the State of Idaho, S. 1423, to designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, S. 1510, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1699, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, S. 2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-Federal land in Glennallen, Alaska, S. 2223, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black Hills National Cemetery, S. 2379, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, and S. 2383, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Utah from all forms of public appropriation, to provide for the shared management of the withdrawn land by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force to facilitate enhanced weapons testing and pilot training, enhance public safety, and provide for continued public access to the withdrawn land, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine challenges and opportunities for oil and gas development in different price environments.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, focusing on the need for more timeliness and transparency.

SD-226

APRIL 27

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on "Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands."

SD-628

APRIL 28

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity, value, and management of land and water resources; to conduct oversight on the National Invasive Species Council's new framework for early detection and rapid response; to examine improved cooperative tools for control and management, including S. 2240, to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

SD-366

MAY 9

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

2 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SD-G50

5:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the sub-

committee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-232A

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017.

SR-222

POSTPONEMENTS

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's overtime rule and the rising costs of doing business.

SR-428A